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WAGE INCREASES.

Ottawa like other cities of a similar size has not been fortunate or unfortunate enough to receive any of the war contracts that have brought about a raise of wages and salary in many trades and industries, but she has enjoyed a steady growth, both from an industrial and general business standpoint. She may be not as prosperous as war towns, but when peace is signed Ottawa will be doing business at the old stand and without any interruption because of the suspension of munition orders.

A raise in wages is a welcome gift to the laboring man, but when one stops to think that such increase is based upon war prosperity and every dollar means the loss of a human life it is a question whether such a raise can in the smallest degree compensate for the war and misery these few dollars of profit have caused.

The railroad managers are congratulating themselves upon their charity and generosity in raising the wages of their unorganized help, but at the same time can not refrain showing its uncharitable motives for such increases.

The Railway Age says:

Among the most gratifying developments in the closing weeks of the year 1916 have been the distribution by many of the more prosperous railways of the country of substantial bonuses to certain large classes of their employees, and many voluntary increases in wages. In the aggregate this distribution and these increases of wages have amounted to several millions of dollars. The statements which have been issued in connection with them have set forth that they have been made because the companies have enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity, and because there has been an abnormal increase in the cost of living. In few cases has any part of the distribution been made to the employees in train service. The reasons are plain enough. In the first place, the managements believe that these classes of employees are being paid all that they are entitled to receive. In the second place, the year has been one of constant struggle between them and the companies, in which the men have made exorbitant demands, prepared to strike in spite of repeated offers of arbitration, and forced legislation thru congress which the managements regard as uncalled for, unjust and unduly burdensome. Even at the end of the year the differences with them remain unsettled, and the threat of a nation-wide strike has not been removed.

THE PARTHAY TO PEACE.

That the efforts of the administration to help restore peace in blood-dripped Europe have not been in vain, is evidenced by the fact that at the end of the first week's negotiations a policy of silence was inaugurated at the State Department and White House. Washington has experienced this situation so many times, that its journalists and officials can read the reason between the lines. It means, in the language of the street, that "there is something doing." Diplomacy has at last actually entered the game; and as this correspondence leaves Washington the United States government appears to have been selected as the clearing house. Proposals and counter-proposals are moving on the international game, and the effect is being watched with feverish interest by every person who feels an interest in the world struggle to replace peace for war.

Dancing Party.

Given by CLAPPER & VERNER, Thursday evening, January 4, 1917, at their hall. Entrance through store. Music by Hentrich's. Refreshments served. Tickets, 50 cents. Extra 25 cents.

LAWMAKERS ARRIVE AT STATE CAPITOL

PARTY CAUCUSES WILL BE HELD TO PICK SENATE AND HOUSE CHIEFS AT SPRINGFIELD TO-NIGHT.

Party caucuses will be held in Springfield tonight in advance of the opening of the biennial session of the Illinois general assembly tomorrow.

The Republican senate and house caucuses will take place at the Leland hotel, while the two Democratic meetings will be at the St. Nicholas hotel. The Republicans will control both houses. Their caucus nominees will become respectively speaker of the house and president pro tem of the senate. The Democratic caucus nominees for these two positions will be the minority party leaders during the session.

Shanahan for Speaker.

David E. Shanahan probably will be the unanimous choice of the Republican house members for speaker. His selection was agreed to at an informal conference a month or more ago.

The Democratic caucus may furnish some fireworks. If the Democrats succeed in uniting upon a leader it will be the second time in a decade.

The candidates are L. O. Browne, Michael L. Igoe, of Chicago, and F. A. Garesche, of Madison. Arthur Roe, of Vandalla, is groomed as a dark horse with some of the downstate drys backing him, although he is classed as wet.

Adam C. Cliffe of Sycamore, is the probable choice of Republican senators for president pro tem. Willett H. Cornwell also is a candidate.

Minority Choice in Doubt.

A. F. Gorman, of Chicago, and Peter E. Coleman, of La Salle, are the leading contenders for the minority leadership of the senate.

The Republican caucuses will select some of the officers of the senate and house. James H. Paddock, of Springfield, is slated for his old place as secretary of the senate, while B. H. McCann, of Bloomington, again will be clerk of the house.

STREATOR SECURES NEW INDUSTRY: MAKE "I" BEAMS

Streator, Jan. 2.—The city of Streator will soon be represented in the business world by another concern which promises to be a growing industry. The company is the Streator Bridge and Pipe company, which will assemble and build the 20th Century "I" Beam Bridge. The bridge which will be manufactured is the patent of Thomas J. Moore, of Sandusky, Mich., which makes it possible to build a bridge of sixty feet, without trusses under or over the bridge. The bridge is equipped with a six inch concrete floor and with its patent "I" beam construction is able to hold much greater weight than an ordinary bridge.

NEW STATION FOR MARSEILLES.

Marseilles is to have a new Rock Island station and the C. O. & P. is considering a plan to relocate and rebuild its present station.

Superintendent Fisher not long ago told Mayor Spicer that he would look over the ground here and see if there was any way of replacing the present dilapidated station with a more creditable structure. Since then there have been negotiations with property owners on the block north of the present station, where a public park was advocated last summer.

GRADING FOR RAILROAD UNDER WAY.

The Aurora, Mendota and Western railroad has a gang of thirty-two men and eight teams at work between Aurora and Montgomery grading the right of way for the new railroad. Already a mile and one-half has been completed. The work will continue as long as the weather will permit. Col. Upshaw Ford is in charge of the work.

Marriage Licenses.

John J. Lynch, Albany, N. Y. \$6
Miss Pearl May Lewis, McKeesport, Pa. 26
Percy Eugene Tonsley, Le Sueur, Minn. 44
Miss Catherine Belle Logan, same 38
Theo. Schmitz, Mendota 34
Miss Lorena C. Schlessinger, same 22
Herbert E. Emm, La Port, Ill. 23
Miss Edith E. Hartman, same 20
Alphonse Gianoli, Oglesby 25
Miss Amelia Baltramini, same 24
Jas. Crownover, Wyandotte, Ill. 59
Mrs. Nettie May Thomas, same 32

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We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Take Hall's Catarrh Cure for catarrh of the eye.

MIDLAND RAILWAY FARMS ARE CITED

STOCK HOLDERS ARE CITED INTO COURT ON AN INTERPLEADER FILED BY NEWARK BANK.

Newark, Ill., Jan. 2.—(Special to Free Trader-Journal).—A new phase in the Illinois Midland Railway litigation against the Farmers State Bank of Newark, developed today when the bank filed a bill of interpleader in the case in the Kendall county circuit court.

The railway company regards this as a step highly in their favor, claiming it is what they have been working for over a year. They state that the matter will now come into the court of equity under this new move and that much evidence they would not have been allowed to introduce in the civil court trial will now be permitted in the court of equity.

The interpleader is the outgrowth of the long drawn-out fight between the subscribers on the one side and the railroad on the other, over the money in the bank.

The bank has retained Messrs. Sears & Solisburg to represent their side. Raymond & Newhall appear for the subscribers, and N. J. Aldrich and D. Harvey Gussel are acting for the railroad.

This latest move by the bank has resulted in the Sheriff Normandin having writs for the following parties for their appearance in the March term of court, they all being interested in the money in the bank:

S. G. Durant, Oliver S. Odmond, Joe Stephenson, Martin Alsager, A. J. Peterson, Tom Bromeland, Bertal Thorsen, A. M. Jayslinsky, Lee Redfield, Nels L. Fruland, Richard Gaard, Ezra West, J. O. T. Larson, Louis S. Nelson, Seth C. Sleezer, A. W. Pix, Eric Chally, John Chally, A. M. Thompson, Joe Grunsted, Ed. Erickson, Ole Anderson, R. E. Chally, W. A. House, Albert Peterson, Artie Hanson, Freeman Hill, Otto Miller, Mrs. Otto Miller, Pluess & Miller, Stewart Marcus, H. Halverson, L. H. Wicks, Sever Severson, Mrs. Julia Norry, W. J. Prickett, Henry Munson, Geo. Samson, Salem Maymound, L. T. Holland, C. F. Crum, Geo. Johnston, L. N. Lord, Josie Hill, Michael Hill, W. Denny, J. O. Piele, Lyle Sleezer, Andrew Olson, Tom Johnson, J. C. Johnson, M. L. Johnson, J. R. Jorstad, E. E. Edgerton, William Quigley, Christ Bevil, Henry Norvick, Tom Thorsen, Ira West Fred Stephen, John E. Johnson, C. E. Sleezer, Elias Hill.

NAZIMOVA IN "WAR BRIDES," BOOKED AT GAYETY THEATER

Manager Lewis announces today that he has booked Nazimova in "War Brides." The picture has been acknowledged as one of the best produced in recent years and Ottawa movie fans are particularly fortunate in getting such an excellent film. "War Brides" will be shown here the 18th, 19th and 20th of January.

Observe Week of Prayer.

The Presbyterian church is observing the week of prayer this week. The meetings will be held each night, beginning tonight and continuing until Friday. The subject tonight will be "Worship."

Bad Colds From Little Sneezes Grow.

Many colds that hang on all winter start with a sneeze, a sniffle, a sore throat, a tight chest. You know the symptoms of colds, and you know prompt treatment will break them up. Dr. King's New Discovery, with its soothing antiseptic balsams has been breaking up colds and healing coughs of young and old for 47 years. Dr. King's New Discovery loosens the phlegm, clears the head, soothes the irritated membrane and makes breathing easier. At your Druggist, 50c. 2

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Six-room cottage, 1621 Sycamore street, fine corner, new paper, paint, good order \$14.00.

Eight-room cottage, 1215 Jefferson street, good bargain \$15.00.

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Numerous prizes will be awarded to masquers.

Admission, 75c per couple. Additional lady, 25c.

Hentrich's orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 1.

"MAD MONK OF RUSSIA;" CZAR'S ADVISOR IS KILLED?

London, January 2.—Gregory Rasputin, a Russian monk, who was reputed to wield much influence at the Russian court, is dead, according to news agency dispatches from Petrograd. He is reported to have been assassinated. Gregory Rasputin was known as the "Mad Monk of Russia," and it has been said that he had greater influence over the Czar than any one else at the Petrograd court. He knew all the "backstairs" history and was said to hold many diplomatic secrets. He had been reported slain by a woman on a previous occasion.

Youth Drinks Too Much.

Fairfield, Ill., Jan. 1.—(Special)—Emery Simpson, 17 years old, son of Park Simpson, a farmer living seven miles north of this city, was found dead in bed New Year's morning. A coroner's inquest disclosed that he had been drinking whiskey which a 16 years old boy friend testified he had secured at Womac, Ill. The stomach was sent to the university department of chemistry for chemical analysis.

Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wilson, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

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The Last Word on Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Suits

WE HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE OUT EVERY LADIES' AND MISSES' TAILOR MADE SUIT OR COAT OF THIS SEASON'S MANUFACTURE. IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF THEM QUICKLY WE HAVE MADE A SWEEPING REDUCTION TO MAKE QUICK SALES.

Suits

In this final clean-up we will offer to you your choice of any tailor made suit in the house at exactly one-half the regular selling price. When you stop to consider FIFTY PER CENT. is a great big reduction and would hardly pay for the material in the garments outside of the expense of manufacturing them. We are still showing some very nobby styles in a good range of colors and sizes. Our advice would be to come early and make your selections.

Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats

We will close out all our fabric coats at a reduction of thirty-three and one-third per cent. (one-third off) from the regular selling price. This includes all wool velours, chevilles, fancy mixtures, novelties, etc. Nothing withheld in this sale.

New Fur Coats

SILK VELOURS AND FLUSHES will sell at a reduction of 25 per cent. These garments are all worth more money than the regular price we are asking for them today.

All Children's Coats

In sizes from 4 to 14 years will

be priced at a reduction of thirty-three and one-third.

Furs

A big assortment of furs in separate muffs, scarfs, fur sets, etc. In this assortment is a big range of mink, opossum, wolf, beaver, raccoon, near seal, etc. During this sale they will be priced at a reduction of thirty-three and one-third per cent., one-third off from the former selling price.

Owing to the fact that we are now in the midst of involving special values will be found throughout the house on different terms, consisting of SHORT ENDS, ODD PIECES, and BROKEN LOTS, which we do not wish to invoice. In many cases these are almost too small to mention in an ad, as it is always our aim when we advertise anything especially to have enough to go around. These small broken lots will be priced advantageously. Dress goods, silks, table linens, cravats, domestics, etc., all are marked away below the wholesale prices of today.

Our Rug Department

Is one of the strongest departments in our house, showing a splendid assortment of Wiltons, Axminster, velvets, body brus-

sels and tapestry rugs from the small mat size up to the extra large room size. We have no hesitancy in saying that we will save you money on every purchase and will in the great majority of cases offer you rugs today at less than the whole-salers or manufacturers are asking for same. We will be glad to show you thru and will not urge you to buy, but we feel you owe it to yourself to look thru our rug assortment, note the qualities and get our prices, all rugs for immediate or spring delivery. We do not say this to urge a sale, but we predict that even by spring rugs will be much higher in price.

Blankets

Extra values in cotton blankets, full size, 87c, 93c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.50 per pair.

Fine wool nap blankets at \$2.08 and \$3.50, in plain white, grey, or plaid effects.

Splendid values in wool blankets at \$5, \$6 and up as high as \$15 per pair in either plain white, grey or plaid.

Domestics

A few quotations on domestics. This is well worth considering and would be to your advantage to lay in your stock of spring cottons and staple goods now at

these prices, as every one quoted by us is way below the wholesale price of today.

Standard brand, heavy and better than the Peppercorn sheeting.

8-4 bleached sheeting at 29c per yard.

6-4 bleached at 32c per yard.

10-4 bleached at 34c per yard.

A heavy quality bleached sheeting 36 inches wide at 9c per yard.

A splendid grade of unbleached muslin 36 inches wide at 7 1/2c per yard.

One bale of Lansing R, a better grade than Peppercorn, at 9c per yard.

A few hundred sheets size 81x90, bleached, torn and ironed, at 37 1/2c.

A couple of cases of extra heavy flannel in light and dark effects at 10c per yard.

A big assortment of heavy percales, full standard quality, 36 inches wide, at 12 1/2c per yard.

A big assortment of standard dress gingham, Toile du Nord at 12 1/2c per yard.

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49 lb. sacks \$2.40

CAR RURAL POTATOES:

2 1/2 bushel sacks, per bushel \$1.25

Single bushel lots \$1.00

25c cakes baking chocolate 19c

1 lb. fresh coconut 25c

1 lb. jars cocoa 39c

DRIED FRUITS.

Job lot, currants, labels damaged, pkgs. 12 1/2c

3 lbs. choice California peaches 25c

2 lbs. choice California figs 25c

3 lbs. California prunes 25c

CURTICE RIFE OLIVES.

40c tins, labels damaged, each 20c;

3 cans for 25c

Short quarts fancy mince meat 25c

Short quarts fancy apple butter 25c

Short quarts fancy peanut butter 25c

SWIFT'S PRIDE SOAP.

7 bars for 25c; 30 bars for \$1.

7 pkgs. Rub-No-More soap chips, 25c

25c pkgs. Grandma Borax 15c

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